



Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats  
under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries Service



## Georgia

Listed Species	Scientific Name	Status	Date Listed
<b>Marine Mammals</b>			
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
finback whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
North Atlantic right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
<b>Turtles</b>			
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened <sup>1</sup>	07/28/78
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened	07/28/78
<b>Fish</b>			
shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	03/11/67
smalltooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	Endangered	04/01/03

### Designated Critical Habitat

Right whale: Between 31°15'N (approximately the mouth of the Altamaha River, Georgia) and 30°15'N (approximately Jacksonville, Florida) from the coast out to 15 nautical miles offshore; the coastal waters between 30°15'N and 28°00'N (approximately Sebastian Inlet, Florida) from the coast out to 5 nautical miles.

**Species Proposed for Listing**  
None

**Proposed Critical Habitat**  
None

<sup>1</sup> Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered



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Candidate Species <sup>2</sup>	Scientific Name
Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus oxyrhynchus</i>

Species of Concern <sup>3</sup>	Scientific Name
<b>Fish</b>	
Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus oxyrhynchus</i>
dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>
night shark	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>
sand tiger shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>
speckled hind	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>
Warsaw grouper	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>

<sup>2</sup> The Candidate Species List has been renamed the Species of Concern List. The term “candidate species” is limited to species that are the subject of a petition to list and for which NOAA Fisheries Service has determined that listing may be warranted (69 FR 19975).

<sup>3</sup> Species of Concern are not protected under the Endangered Species Act, but concerns about their status indicate that they may warrant listing in the future. Federal agencies and the public are encouraged to consider these species during project planning so that future listings may be avoided.